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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) XG, JA SUBJECT: ITALIAN ATTITUDE CONCERNING QUADRIPARTITE MEETING

PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI ASKED HIS DIPLOMATIC ADVISER, LA ROCCA, TO PASS A MESSAGE TO ME CONCERNING THE ITALIAN REACTION TO PRESS REPORTS THAT THERE WILL BE A QUADRIPARTITE MEETING ON THE MARGIN OF THE LONDON SUMMIT. LA ROCCA REFERRED TO AN ARTICLE IN LE MONDE ON MAY 3 WHICH I HAVE NOT SEEN. ITALIANS FULLY RECOGNIZE THE TRADITION AT NATO MEETINGS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE DINNER DEVOTED TO THE BERLIN PROBLEM. THIS EXCLUSION THEY ACCEPT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO LA ROCCA, IT NOW SEEMS THAT THER WILL BE A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S., U.K., FRANCE AND GERMANY, PRESUMABLY IN THE TRADITION OF THE OLD BERLIN GROUP BUT WHICH THIS TIME WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF AFRICA, AND PRESUMABLY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. ANDREOTTI IS CONCERNED OVER THIS DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO LA ROCCA, BECAUSE IT CREATES DE FACTO THE FAMOUS "DIRECTORATE" PROPOSED BY DE GAULLE AND REJECTED BY AMERICAN PRESIDENTS BEGINNING WITH EISENHOWER. ANDREOTTI IS OBVIOUSLY WORRIED ABOUT THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF GOI STATUS AT THE SUMMIT IF IT SEEMS TO BE A SECOND-CLASS PARTICIPANT. LA ROCCA ALLUDED TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECENT MEETING IN FRANCE OF FINANCE MINISTERS TO WHICH ITALY WAS NOT INVITED.GARDNER

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